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TOPIC Wiener Neustadt Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Aircraft observed at Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield [redacted] on 12 April 1953 included 20 MiG-15s parked between the flight control station and Woellersdorfer Strasse; 24 MiG-15s parked on the eastern edge of the installation; 12 MiG-15s, 8 twin-jet planes, 2 single-engine low-wing monoplanes and 3 biplanes parked in the northwestern corner of the field. There was air activity throughout the day, involving also MiG-15s parked on the eastern edge of the field. These planes were refueled from beige colored tank cars of a type not observed before. Weather was fair. Two radio trucks with rod antennas, a trailer, 8 trucks and some jeeps were observed at the take-off point. Individual flights and 20 to 30-minute formation flights were made. The planes involved taxied by their own power to the take-off point at the northern end of the field. Take-offs and landings by groups of two planes, three wing spans apart, were also observed. Ten MiG-15s took off in groups of two at intervals of about 20 seconds. Once it was observed that a group of eight MiG-15s took off in groups of four, the individual groups taking off simultaneously in two rows behind each other. [redacted] a twin jet plane took off. Its take-off run was no longer than that of the MiG-15s while its speed in the air was lower. The two planes landed again [redacted] All the MiG-15s observed were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks.

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2. Source learned from local residents that flying was practiced at the field [redacted] on 13 April. Weather was overcast but visibility was good. No air activity was observed [redacted] According to local residents, flying was conducted by MiG-15s [redacted] on 14 April. Weather was overcast but visibility good. [redacted] no air activity at the installation. Aircraft observed at the field [redacted] on 15 April included 44 MiG-15s, 8 twin jet planes, 3 single-engine

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planes, 2 biplanes and 2 single-engine high-wing monoplanes. Seven MiG-15s practiced flying; weather was 8/10 overcast with moderate visibility. The MiG-15s took off individually, in groups of two and four. The groups of four planes flew in right stagger formation. After landing, the planes were towed by trucks to the aircraft dispersal area. This procedure may have been chosen because the soil was wet from the rain.

- 25X1 3. [ ] the following physical characteristics on the twin-jet planes: Except for the rear portion, the fuselage was drop-shape; the rear was in the form of a cigar and had a plexiglass upper section. The nose also consisted of plexiglass. The wings had a rectangular figuration and were fitted with drop-shape devices at their tips. The wings had no dihedral; their upper edges were set closely below the upper edge of the fuselage. The aircraft was fitted with a single rudder assembly projecting upward toward the rear and marked with a red Soviet star under a red number.

25X1 [ ] The elevator assembly was set in the lower third of the rudder assembly, was swept back and had a slight dihedral. The cabin consisted of plexiglass and began near the end of the plexiglass section of the nose. The plane had dual nose wheels fitted on cowled landing gear struts. The main landing gear was mounted below the jet engines, which were suspended from the wings and fitted in, the first inward third of the wings. The section of the engine projecting beyond the leading edge of the wings was double as long as that projecting beyond the trailing edge.

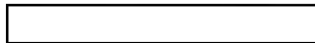
- 25X1 4. Aircraft observed at the airfield on 16 April included 12 MiG-15s parked in front of the flight control station; 12 MiG-15s parked at the eastern edge of the installation; 2 single-engine planes fitted with radial engine and 9 twin-jet planes parked near the flight control station. There was no flying. Weather was overcast. No details could be observed on the twin-jet planes. Six trucks, 2 van-like trucks, 4 tank trucks and 1 bus were observed near the MiG-15s parked at the eastern edge of the installation.

5. Improvement work appeared to be going on at the field. Trucks hauled broken stone and round timber to the field. [ ] driver with red-bordered black epaulets, was identified. A Stalin tractor towing a roller was operating in the vicinity of the garages at the eastern edge of the field. There was no change in the status of the AAA emplacements. No AAA emplacements were observed near the church at the southwestern edge of the field. The antenna mast and the PKV-45 DF station were still observed about 2 km northwest of the church in Theresienfeld. There was no change in the status of the antenna mast on Badener Strasse and the antenna system in the park west of Felixdorf. Six trucks, 3 field kitchens, 1 trailer and 1 van-like truck were observed near the garages on the east side of the field. Sedan [ ] driver with black-bordered blue epaulets was seen proceeding from the flight control station.

6. A Li-2 and 3 Pe-2s were parked at Theresienfeld airfield. The hangar of the installation was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

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7. The Artillerie Kaserne quartered a Soviet air force unit. A new telephone line extended from the Kaserne to the barracks camp west of Wiener Neustadt. There was no change in the status of the two radio installations located in the northeastern and northwestern corner of the barracks installation. Trucks [ ] driver with black-bordered blue epaulets and [ ] driver with red-bordered black epaulets were seen near the Artillerie Kaserne. The Nachrichten Kaserne which appeared to be occupied below capacity was guarded by a Soviet air force soldier. Thirteen trucks were seen in the barracks yard. Truck [ ] driver with black-bordered blue epaulets entered the installation. Eleven trucks and 4 trucks mounting AA machine guns were parked in the barracks camp west of Wiener Neustadt. Truck [ ] driver with red-bordered black epaulets, was seen proceeding from the airfield to the barracks installation. Trucks [ ] driver with red-bordered black epaulets and [ ] driver with black-bordered blue epaulets, [ ] both drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and sedan [ ] driver with black-bordered blue epaulets, were observed on the Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau highway.

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[ ] Comment. Wiener Neustadt is still occupied by two fighter regiments. Air activity observed at the installation indicates that the training of the two regiments which moved to the field in October 1952 has progressed as far as formation flying at squadron level. It is definitely believed from the description given of the two twin-jet planes and some sketches which were not disseminated that these planes were Il-28s. There is a possibility that they belong to a bomber unit stationed in Hungary and that this bomber unit occasionally holds joined exercises with fighter units.

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